

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 22, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards U.S. Patent No. 4,754,271 (hereinafter "Edwards").

Claims 2, 3, 23, and 24 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Rowland et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,801,970 (hereinafter, "Rowland").

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Eisele et al U.S. Patent No. 6,089,459 (hereinafter "Eisele").

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Eisele and further in view of Atkins et al U.S. Patent No. 5,623,280 (hereinafter "Atkins").

Claims 9-13, 26, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Hornback International Publication No. PCT WO 99/56463 (hereinafter, "Hornback").

Claims 14-18 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of

Hornbeck and further in view of Ohta et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,577,760 (hereinafter "Ohta").

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Halpern U.S. Patent No. 6,173,897 (hereinafter "Halpern").

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Halpern and further in view of Rowland.

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Hornbeck and further in view of Eisele.

Summary of Applicant's Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 22 and 30 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 29 has been cancelled in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to claim the subject matter of cancelled claim 29 in a divisional or continuation application.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant's Response to the
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 4, 6, 22, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards.

Applicant's invention, as defined by independent claims 1 and 22, includes a portable electronic photo album having a housing. Located in the housing are memory, a display, and processing circuitry.

Edwards discusses a liquid crystal photograph having two distinct housings. One housing contains a digital memory cartridge. The other housing contains a liquid crystal screen and power contacts.

The Examiner stated that Edwards discusses "a housing structure ... an electronic display ... located within the housing ... memory ... located within the housing ... and processing circuitry ... located within the housing." (Office Action, page 3). Edwards, however, does not show or suggest a housing structure that includes an electronic display, memory, and processing circuitry. For this reason, applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 22, and any claim dependent therefrom, be withdrawn.

Applicant's Response to the
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 11-13

Claims 9-13, 26, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Hornback.

Applicant's invention, as defined by independent claim 11, includes an electronic photo album, capable of fitting into a pocket-sized wallet, that includes a housing. Located in this housing are memory, a display, and processing circuitry.

Hornbeck discusses a memory book that is "very small," but that is "on the order of the size of a large paperback novel that can hold thousands of images" (Hornback, page 5, lines 14-16).

The Examiner stated that Edwards discusses "an electronic display ... memory ... and dedicated processing circuitry" (Office Action, page 7).

Neither Edwards or Hornbeck, however, used either alone or in combination, show or suggest a housing that fits within a pocket-sized wallet where memory, a display, and processing circuitry are located within the housing. For at least this reason, applicant respectfully requests that the

rejection of claim 11, and any claims dependent therefrom, be withdrawn.

Claim 30

Applicant's invention, as defined by claim 30, includes a magnetic strip located on the structure that includes credit card information, wherein the magnetic strip is operable to be swiped through a credit card reader. Processing circuitry and a display are coupled to this structure.

Neither Edwards or Hornbeck, used either alone or in combination, show or suggest a structure with a magnetic strip that includes credit card information, an electronic display, and processing circuitry. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claim 30, and any claims dependent therefrom, be withdrawn.

Claim 19

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Halpern.

Applicant's invention, as defined by claim 19, includes memory, processing circuitry, and a display located within a housing.

Neither Edwards or Halpern, used either alone or in combination, show or suggest a housing in which memory, a display, and processing circuitry are located. For at least this reason, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 11, and any claims dependent therefrom, be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 3, 23, and 24

Claims 2, 3, 23, and 24 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Rowland. As set forth above, claim claims 1 and 22 are allowable. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 23, and 24 are allowable because claims 2, 3, 23, and 24 depend from one of allowable claims 1 and 23.

Claim 5

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Eisele. As set forth above, claim 1 is allowable. Accordingly, claim 5 is allowable because claim 5 depends from allowable claim 1.

Claim 7

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Eisele and further in view of Atkins. As set forth above, claim 1 is allowable. Accordingly, claim 7 is allowable because claim 7 depends from allowable claim 1.

Claims 14-18 and 27-29

Claims 14-18 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Hornbeck and further in view of Ohta. As set forth above, claims 11 and 22 are allowable. Accordingly, claims 14-18 and 27-29 are allowable because claims 14-18 and 27-29 depend from one of allowable claims 11 and 22.

Claims 20 and 21

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Halpern and further in view of Rowland. As set forth above, claim 19 is allowable. Accordingly, claims 20 and 21 are allowable because claims 20 and 21 depend from allowable claim 19.

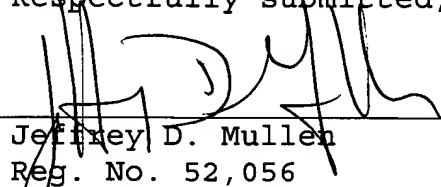
Claim 32

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards in view of Hornbeck and further in view of Eisele. As shown above, claim 30 is allowable. Accordingly, claim 32 is allowable because claim 32 depends from allowable claim 30.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that this application, including each of claims 1-32, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and a favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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